

REMARKS

At the time the present Office Action was mailed (July 10, 2007), claims 29, 31-45 and 47-61 were pending in the above-captioned application. In this response, claims 29-50 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in unamended or other forms in a continuation or other application. Accordingly, claims 51-61 are currently pending.

The status of the application in light of the July 10, 2007 Office Action is as follows:

(A) Claims 29, 42, 45, 47, 48, 50 and 51 stand objected to on the basis of informalities;

(B) Claims 29, 31-45 and 47-61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph;

(C) Claims 29, 31-39, 41-45, 47, 49 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,848,389 to Gapp et al. ("Gapp") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,120 to Wolnek ("Wolnek"); and

(D) Claims 51-61 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

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The undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for engaging in a telephone interview on September 19, 2007 to discuss the outstanding claim objections and rejections applied to claim 51. During the telephone interview, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney agreed to amendments that would overcome the objections and rejections. The following remarks reflect and expand upon the agreements reached during the September 19 telephone interview. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that these remarks constitute applicants' interview summary. If the Examiner notices any deficiencies in this regard, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.